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SUBJECT: FURTHER GREEK REACTION TO POSSIBILITY OF U.S.  
RESUMING MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY

REF: ATHENS 5232

1. WEEKEND NEWSPAPERS CONTINUED TO DEVOTE PRIME SPACE  
TO HIRC APPROVAL OF H.R. 8454 (REFTEL) WITH HEADLINES  
FOCUSING ON APPROVAL AS A VICTORY FOR "THE PRESIDENT,  
CIA, AND THE PENTAGON".

2. TO VIMA AND KATHIMERINI CARRIED OPINION COLUMNS ON  
JULY 13 WHICH BLASTED THE LIKELIHOOD OF THE RESUMPTION  
OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY AS COMING ABOUT THROUGH  
PRESSURES FROM THE INDUSTRIAL-MILITARY COMPLEX AND  
DIRECTLY FROM THE PENTAGON. THE SUBJECT WAS MUTED  
IN JULY 14 AFTERNOON NEWSPAPERS (NO MONDAY MORNING  
NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED) EXCEPT FOR A SMALL COLUMN IN  
VRADYNI WHICH DESCRIBED "TURKISH BLACKMAIL" OF U.S. IN  
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THIS CONNECTIONS.

3. NO OFFICIAL STATEMENT HAS BEEN MADE ON THE REPORT THAT U.S. OFFICIALS ARE ALLEGED TO HAVE SAID THAT THE GREEK GOVERNMENT HAS NO OBJECTION TO THE RESUMPTION OF AID TO TURKEY(REFTEL).

4. COMMENT: AS A RESULT OF AN EXCHANGE OF IMMEDIATE TELEGRAMS WITH THE DEPARTMENT LAST FRIDAY NIGHT AND SATURDAY MORNING (NOTAL), WE WERE ABLE TO HEAD OFF A GREEK GOVERNMENT STATEMENT IN THE NICK OF TIME. ON RECEIPT OF GUIDANCE AND INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT SATURDAY MORNING, THE AMBASSADOR WAS ABLE TO GET FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS OUT OF HIS REGULAR SATURDAY MORNING BACKGROUNDER FOR JOURNALISTS AND CLEAR UP A MISUNDERSTANDING. EVEN SO, BITSIOS TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THIS AFTERNOON THAT THE GREEK GOVERNMENT REMAINS DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THIS MATTER AND THAT THE GREEK AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED OVER THE WEEK-END TO TAKE UP THE MATTER WITH THE DEPARTMENT, IF POSSIBLE WITH UNDER SECRETARY SISCO.  
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